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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-19 and 22-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration. _____
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 24-30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-19, 22, 23, 31 and 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 November 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of Invention I and Species III, i.e. Figure 12, in Paper No. 9 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP 818.03(a)).

Applicant's amendment filed on May 4, 2004, canceling claims 1-8, 14, 20 and 21, and presenting new claims 24-32 is acknowledged. It is noted that pending claims 15-19 and 22-32 are directed to Invention I, e.g. a kit, and the elected Species read on the claims. Furthermore, independent claims 19 and 24 are generic claims.

Claim Objections

Claim 29 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 29 is a duplicate claim of claim 27 and it should be deleted. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 15-19, 22, 23, 31, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 17, line 2, "the cement deflector element" lacks a prior antecedent.

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In claim 19, lines 9-12, “on removal of said cannulated phantom prosthesis from said first cement deflector, said second cement deflector may be placed on said guide wire, said second cement deflector slidably engaging said guide wire and sealing the interface between the guide wire and the distal end of the cannulation bore in said prosthesis” is indefinite because it is unclear how the second cement deflector seals the interface between the guide wire and distal end of the cannulation of the prosthesis, i.e. cannulated phantom prosthesis, when the prosthesis has been removed or is not present. It appears that “prosthesis” should be -- implant -- and it would be considered as such for examination purposes. Also, in line 13, “said insert portion” is indefinite because it is unclear to which insert portion applicant is referring to, e.g. the insert portion of the phantom prosthesis or the insert portion of the prosthetic implant. It is noted that for examination purposes it would be treated as being directed to the insert portion of the prosthetic implant.

In claim 31, line 2, “the cement deflector element” lacks a prior antecedent.

In claim 32, line 1, “the X-ray markers” lacks a prior antecedent.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 24-30 are allowed.

Claims 15-19, 22, 23, 31, and 32 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

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Conclusion

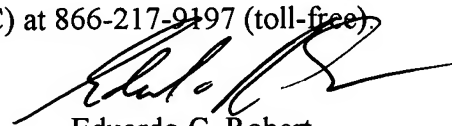
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892 for art cited of interest.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eduardo C. Robert whose telephone number is 703-305-7333.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin P. Shaver can be reached on 703-308-2582. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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